GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SURFACE TRANSPORT
LOK SABHA

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WIDENING OF NH BETWEEN COCHIN AND SALEM
VAIKO

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Highways Authority of India propose to take up the widening work of the NH-47 between Cochin and Salem;

(b) if so, the details of the study made in this regard;

(c) the traffic volume in this sector at present and the expected growth of traffic in the near future;

(d) the expected cost to be involved in the process alongwith the length of National Highways proposed to be covered;

(e) the manner in which the National Highways Authority of India is mobilising the funds required for the expansion; and

(f) the targeted date of its completion?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT

(DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Project report for 4-laning from Angamali to Aluva which is part of Cochin- Salem segment of NH-47 has been got prepared .

(c) The traffic volume as per the project report at Km. 317/0 is 36084 Passenger Car Unit (PCU) per day and at Km. 325/0 is 26665 PCU per day and is expected to grow at the rate of 7.5% per annum.

(d) The total length of the Cochin- Salem Section, which is proposed to be taken up for fourlaning is 310 Km. The approx. cost of four laning will be about 1200 Crore.

(e) The fund required for 4-laning is planned to be generated from the levy of cess on petrol and diesel, loans from Multinational/bilateral agencies; private sectior participation, market borrowings etc.

(f) The work is targetted to be completed by March, 2009.